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: Affinito et al. : To be assigned

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Title

: METHOD OF MAKING MOLECULARLY DOPED COMPOSITE

POLYMER MATERIAL

Docket No. : BAT 0019 VA

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Sir:

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

This Official Communication is in regard to a divisional patent application filed herewith, which claims priority to currently pending patent application serial no. 09/835,505 filed April 16, 2001.

This divisional application is being filed in the present case by filing a new specification with new claims, along with the oath or declaration from the prior (parent) application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b). The text of the newly filed specification includes changes from the specification originally filed in the prior parent patent application from which this divisional claims priority.

The text of the newly filed specification includes the following changes from the specification originally filed in the prior parent patent application from which this divisional claims priority:

Addition of "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" section.

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The change made thereto does not introduce new matter. Rather, the change is presented for contextual purposes, to provide clarity, and to incorporate changes made during the prosecution of the prior, parent application.

The applicants respectfully submit that the claims of the present divisional application represent allowable subject matter. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this Official Communication. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

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